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25 March 1957

Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Conversation with Mrs. Kelly of
the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI. Such requested action is contained in paragraph 4.

1. I tried to reach Boyd Crawford on Friday to discuss the legal obligation of CIA to appear before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is ill, but I have been in touch with Sheldon Kaplan, Counsel for Mrs. Kelly's subcommittee, and he said that she was referring to the duties of various subcommittees, as established and printed in the calendar of the Foreign Affairs Committee.

2. The calendar lists a subcommittee on "State Department Organization and Foreign Operations", which has as its duties "To deal with the loyalty and adequacy of all personnel and instruments of foreign policy under the control of the United States, and particularly the State Department and the Foreign Service, United States Information Agency, and liaison with Central Intelligence Agency and other United States agencies involved in foreign policies." This subcommittee is chaired by Wayne Hays of Ohio. Other members are Mrs. Kelly, Selden (Ala.), Zablocki (Wis.), Vorys (Ohio), Jackson (Calif.) and Bentley (Mich.). According to Kaplan, this is also the key to what Mrs. Kelly meant when she told the Director over the phone that if her subcommittee didn't get him Wayne Hays' would.

3. Kaplan concedes that the foregoing does not present a statutory obligation of any kind. Another document of some relevance is H. Res. 29 (copy attached) which, under a broad interpretation, would give the Foreign Affairs Committee some semblance of jurisdiction over CIA. I do not believe Mrs. Kelly had this in mind, however, when she discussed Committee jurisdiction over the phone with the Director.

4. Kaplan has been in telephone contact with Mrs. Kelly this morning, and she is expecting a call from the Director when she returns tomorrow morning, the 26th. It is recommended that the Director place such a call, and continue his efforts to get together with Mrs. Kelly.

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